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**Amendment Transmittal Letter**

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Inventor(s): **Mark D. Gehlsen and Bradley S. Momchilovich**

Application No. **09/714,658**

Group Art Unit: **1771**

Filed: **November 16, 2000**

Examiner: **V. Chang**

Title: **ARTICLES THAT INCLUDE A POLYMER FOAM AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME**

Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Claims As Amended						
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Total Claims	48	Minus	** 46	= 2	x \$18.00	= \$36.00
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Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid					\$280.00	\$0.00
			Total Additional Fee For This Amendment →			\$36.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:: MARK D. GEHLSEN AND BRADLEY S.  
MOMCHILOVICH

Application No.: 09/714,658 Group Art Unit: 1771

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Title: ARTICLES THAT INCLUDE A POLYMER FOAM AND  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 9, 2003, the following  
Amendment and Response is submitted. Please amend the application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Cancel claims 27 and 28 without prejudice or disclaimer. Amend claims 1, 2,  
15, 16, 20-26, 43, 47, 49, and 50. Add new claims 51-60.

1. (Amended once) A foam article comprising a polymer foam, said  
polymer foam having at least one of its major surfaces smooth to an Ra value less than  
about 75 micrometers, as measured by laser triangulation profilometry,  
said polymer foam comprising a homogeneous distribution of a plurality of  
thermoplastic expandable polymeric microspheres,  
wherein said plurality of expandable polymeric microspheres are at least  
partially expanded.

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